

To: Schmidt, David[Schmidt.David@epa.gov]
From: Keener, Bill
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 7:14:35 PM
Subject: FW: Region IX Response Support Corps

Region 9 is involved in two high-profile emergency response actions this week: The Gold King Mine spill in Colorado, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation;

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Here is a summary of recent updates from EPA personnel on the scene in both areas. And if you receive inquiries from the news media about the mine spill, please refer them to OPA (Bill Keener or Kelly Zito); if you get calls from the public, you may refer them to our EIC at 415-947-8000, and if you get calls from government agencies, please refer them to Brent Maier at 415-947-4256.

1. The **Gold King Mine spill** in southwestern Colorado sent about 3 million gallons of water contaminated with dissolved metals into the Animas River, which flows into the San Juan River, a water source for parts of the Navajo Nation.

EPA Regions 6, 8, and 9 are working with federal, state, tribal, and local agencies to make sure that people in the affected area have access to safe drinking water, and to assess impacts to fish and wildlife. Region 9 is assisting the Navajo Nation with providing safe drinking water to residents who ordinarily use water from the San Juan. For more details, go to <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>.

Region 9 deployed On-Scene Coordinators Rob Wise and Steve Calanog in Durango, Colo.; Randy Nattis, Brett Moxley, and Maggie Waldon in Farmington, N.M.; and Tom Dunkelman in Page, Ariz., plus contractors and four members of the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team to assist with water sampling and lab services. Superfund's Bill Robberson will be sampling water in Lake Powell, and Rusty Harris-Bishop is our Public Information Officer in the Joint Information Center, and David Yogi, Secody Hubbard, and Laura Ebbert are assisting the Navajo Nation's outreach efforts.

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If you have any questions, please contact Bill Keener at 2-3940.

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From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:12 PM
To: Strauss, Alexis
Cc: Keener, Bill; Tenley, Clancy; Blumenfeld, Jared; Moxley, Bret; Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Subject: Re: Region IX Response Support Corps

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 3:46 PM, Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov> wrote:

Our 50 -80 newer employees would not know who are in the Response Support Corps, so perhaps an all-managers outreach is better than an all-employees outreach...I expect Enrique and team want trained RSC members, not ad hoc volunteers.

From: Keener, Bill
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique; Quast, Sylvia; Busterud, Gretchen; Montgomery, Michael; Gullatt, Kristin; Scott, Jeff; Barbite, Steven; Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Adams, Elizabeth; McIlwain, Serena; Truong, Carolyn; COYLE, BRIDGET; Zito, Kelly
Cc: Alert, Tana; Guria, Peter; Meer, Daniel; Allen, HarryL; Lawrence, Kathryn; Lindsay, Nancy; Minor, Dustin; Strauss, Alexis; Blumenfeld, Jared; Kao, Jessica; Ty, Fatima; Moxley, Bret; Calanog, Steve; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Nattis, Randy; Wise, Robert; Dunkelman, Tom
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Enrique, I can get out an all hands message on this, with more details about the two events we are dealing with....OK with you?

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Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:32 PM

To: Quast, Sylvia; Busterud, Gretchen; Montgomery, Michael; Gullatt, Kristin; Scott, Jeff; Barhite, Steven; Johnson, Kathleen; Miller, Amy; Adams, Elizabeth; McIlwain, Serena; Truong, Carolyn; COYLE, BRIDGET; Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill

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Importance: High

Colleagues:

As many of you know, the region's emergency response program is responding to two significant incidents: the Colorado Gold King Mine wastewater release on August 5th affecting the Navajo Nation; a

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As the Regional Incident Coordinator I would like to ask for your help and support to make available any members within your respective Divisions that are part of the Region 9 Response Support Corps (RSC). Staff from Water, MTS, Land, and Enforcement Divisions have deployed to Saipan and Navajo Nation. THANK YOU!!!

As part of this response we have established an Area Command (AC) in the R9 EOC to provide resources and capabilities in support of field operations. We have the need to fill several positions within our ICS structure, both in the field and in the EOC, and may be calling on your staff to help fill these needs (e.g, engineering, finance, logistics, communications). Deployments could last between a few days, and/or up to a maximum of two weeks.

This request is not exclusively limited to RSC members only. We may have a need for specialized expertise or ability.

As always, RSC members must discuss their availability to deploy to an incident with their supervisor to determine if their existing workload can be accommodated during the employee's absence. The supervisor must approve the employee's deployment.

Superfund's RSC coordinator is Tana Alert (415-972-3090), and she may be contacting members of the RSC to inquire on their availability. Please support the response efforts in Region 9 if you can.

Thanks for your help.

Enrique